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and granular consistency, and was followed by intense cold. Immediately succeeding the storm, the thermometers indicated a lower degree of temperature to the southward of Philadelphia than to the northward. He attributed to the peculiar character of this snow-storm, the deep and intense freezing of the soil beneath, and the unusual cold of the winter.

The Committee on the sale of the Society's Hall reported articles of an agreement for the sale of the Hall to the Government of the United States, for the purpose of holding courts of justice therein and offices connected therewith:—Which agreement was read, approved, and ordered to be executed.

On motion of Dr. Franklin Bache it was resolved,—That the Secretaries be directed to write to those members appointed to prepare obituary notices prior to 1854, and who have not yet read them, reminding them of their appointment and requesting to be informed when it will be convenient for them to fulfil the duties assigned to them.

Stated Meeting, April 4.

Present, seventeen members.

Dr. Dunglison, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Statistical Society, dated London, Oct. 11, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of No. 51 of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, dated Leipzig, Nov. 24, 1855, returning thanks for Proceedings, Jan.–Dec. 1854:—

From the Lyceum of Natural History of New York, dated March 20, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of No. 53 of the Proceedings: and—

From Clement A. Finley, M.D. Surgeon U. S. A. dated Philadelphia, April 4, 1856, presenting a donation for the library, on behalf of Brig. Gen. Lawson, Surgeon General of the U. S. Army.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XVI. No. 4. Feb. 8, 1856. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Annals of the Lyceum of Natural History of New York. Vol. VI. No. 5. Oct. 1855. New York. 8vo.—*From the Lyceum.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. VIII. No. 1. Jan. Feb. 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXXII. No. 3. March, 1856. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, on the state of the Finances, for the year ending June 30, 1855. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. R. Tyson.*

Report of the State Librarian to the Legislature of Pennsylvania; with a Catalogue of Books, for the year 1855. Harrisburg. 8vo.—*From the Rev. W. R. De Witt, State Librarian.*

A Manual of Instruction for the South African College. *Science, Part* 1. Elementary Geometry, according to a Natural System. *Literature, Part* 1. The Principles of Grammar, applied to the English Language. 2 vols. Cape Town, 1838, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Author, J. C. Adamson, D.D.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LXIII. New Series. April, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays, Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIV. No. 160. April, 1856. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The First and Second Annual Reports of the Geological Survey of Missouri. By G. C. Swallow, State Geologist. Jefferson City, 1855. 8vo.—*From Mr. F. B. Meek.*

Army Meteorological Register, for twelve years, from 1843 to 1854, inclusive, compiled from observations made by the Officers of the Medical Department of the Army, at the Military Posts of the United States.—Prepared under the direction of Brevet Brigadier General Thomas Lawson, Surgeon General, U. S. Army. Washington, 1855. 4to.—*From Gen. Lawson.*

Revision of the Cicindelæ of the United States. By John L. Le Conte, M.D. (From the Transactions of the Am. Phil. Society. Vol. XI.) Philadelphia, 1856. 4to.—*From the Author.*

Mr. Du Bois laid upon the table, for the inspection of members, sundry articles of interest, recently added to the Mint Cabinet.

1. The *itzebue*, silver coin of Japan; of which there is no mention in print, as it differs much from the itzebue formerly described by Dutch traders. It is 991 thousandths fine (no doubt regarded there as absolutely fine), and worth 38 cents of our money. Since the treaty with Japan, a number of these have appeared at San Francisco, whence this piece came. The opening of trade with that country, will make it important to know the value of Japanese money.

2. Medal, presented by the merchants of Boston to Com. Perry, who concluded the treaty with Japan. Engraved by Mitchell, and struck at the mint.

3. 20 shilling piece of James I., and six-pence of Elizabeth; remarkable only as being part of the contents of an earthen pot, lately dug up at Richmond's island, mouth of the Saco river, State of Maine. According to the published accounts, the treasure was buried there, apparently, about 1630 to 1640.

4. Gold in quartz, from Australia; precisely similar in character to the auriferous matrix in California, Georgia and elsewhere.

Mr. Trego made some observations upon the remarkable similarity between the specimens of auriferous quartz from Australia and those from the gold-bearing regions of the United States.

Mr. Peale spoke of the superior execution of the medal presented to Com. Perry, and attributed high credit to the artist for the execution of the head;—excepting, however, from his commendation the lettering of the medal.

Dr. Hallowell offered, for the Transactions, a communication "On a New Genus of the Boædæ," which was referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Bridges, Dr. Hays and Dr. Leidy.

The Committee on the sale of the Hall reported that the article of agreement with the Government of the United States, presented at last meeting, was duly executed on Saturday, 22d ultimo.

On motion of Mr. Justice, it was resolved that the Board of Officers and Council be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a Microscope, for the use of the Society.